Production of measles vaccines

771. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
THAKUR JAGATPAL SINGH:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1509 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that measles vaccines are not being produced in the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to produce them in the country; and

(c) by when the country will become self sufficient in the production of these vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) No Sir, indigenous production of Measles Vaccine has commenced in the current financial year. Government of India has licensed the Serum Institute of India, Pune, a private sector company, to manufacture Measles Vaccine. The unit has already started supply of Measles Vaccine formulated in its facilities in India from imported bulk. Supplies from indigenous bulk is expected by 1989-90. Government of India has also approved the setting up of an R&D-cum-manufacturing unit in the joint sector to produce Viral Vaccines, including 20 M doses of Measles Vaccine per annum.

(c) The country is expected to become self-sufficient in the production of Measles Vaccine by the year 1990-91.

Production of Vaccines

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THAKUR JAGATPAL SINGH:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to undertake large scale production of vaccines by vero cell micro-carrier fermentation technology;

(b) if so, whether there will be any collaboration in this regard; and

(c) the location of the production centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir, it is proposed to undertake large scale production of inactivated Polio Vaccine and Rabies Vaccine by employing the Vero Cell Micro-Carrier Fermentation Technology.

(b) and (c) A manufacturing unit for these two Viral Vaccines in the joint sector is being set up in Gurgaon district of Haryana in technical collaboration with the Institute Merieux, Lyon, France.

IAS Officers from M.P. on deputation to the Central Government

773. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Administrative Service Officers of Madhya Pradesh cadre who are on deputation in the Central Government;

(b) the number of such officers out of them who are holding the posts of Joint-Secretary and above; and

(c) whether there is any proposal of Government to take on deputation a large number of such officers from underdeveloped States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 62.